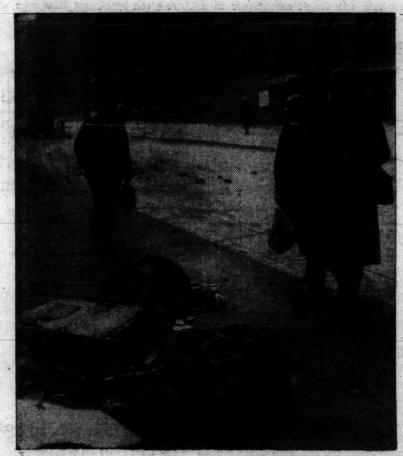
# CROSS WESER IN HANNOVER PUSH Yanks, British Flank Bremen



Nazi Street Scene: Two dead Nazis lie in the streets of Frankfurt as three calloused German civilians walk by with scarcely a glance at their "supermen." U. S. Third Army units were mopping up when the photo was taken.



Ghurka: This soldier (member of the Indian Army) has just waded across the Irrawaddy River in the drive that took Mandalay. He keeps his equipment dry by carrying it on his shoulder.

PARIS, April 6 (UP).—The American First Army, advancing 25 miles in 24 hours with renewed offensive might smashed up to the Middle Weser River today while American and British forces to the north drove five miles beyond that shattered river defense line to within 17 miles of Hannover.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American Third Army pushed within 69 miles of Leipzig, and Allied pilots reported large German columns moving southward below Leipzig, in the direction of their last-ditch citadel in the Bavarian Alps.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army's leap to the Weser put four Allied armies on or across that next to last defense line for Berlin on the west, while the Germans reporting that the Soviets were on the move only 30 miles to the east, envisioned an imminent three-directional assault on the rubbled Nazi capital by the Red Army.

#### CANADIAN ARMY

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth Army and Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's British Second, pushing beyond the Weser in the north and across a flat plain country, were 152 miles due west of Berlin. They outflanked the great port of Bremen and were within 71 miles of Hamburg, second city of the Reich.

Gen. H. D. G. Crerar's Canadian First Army advanced 25 miles and were within 12 miles of cutting the last major rail escape route for 50,000 Germans bottled up in Holland.

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's American Seventh Army, advancing on Patton's flank, was meeting stiff opposition in southwestern Germany.

Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny's French First Army drove near Oforzheim in an advance to within 21 miles of Stuttgart.

Units of the First and Ninth armies were compressing the 150,000 Germans encircled in the Ruhr, and the Ninth captured the rail center of Hamm, after the Germans evacuated the city.

As the Allies advanced on all fronts, Gen. Omar N. Bradley, U.S. 12th Army Group commander, said in an Army Day celebration during flag-raising ceremonies over the Ehrenbreitstein fortress at Coblenz, that the Germans were near total defeat.

Hodges' First Army reached the Weser River line with both tanks and infantry on a 25-mile front north of Kassel, striking between Patton's Third Army in the south and Simpson's Ninth Army in the north.

Another infantry force fought into Hamm Muenden and battled house to house through the town against German mortar and machine gun fire. At Hamm Muenden the Weser, Fulda and Werra rivers join.

# Soviets Take Vienna Suburb; Red Army 75 Miles from Italy

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# 2 Negro Players Ask Dodger Tryout

Arrival of Stars Stirs Camp, Developments Seen in 24 Hours

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**UE Expels 6 for Slowdown** 

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# ig Vienna Suburb Taken by Soviets

LONDON, April 6 (UP). — Capture of the big industrial suburb of Schwechat at the southeastern edge of Vienna was announced tonight in the Soviet communique. Northeast of Vienna, the Red Army swept up to the Morava River on a 37-mile front.

# Stettinius Hopeful Of Polish Solution

Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., said last night that the United States is doing "all in its power" to make possible Polish participation in the San Francisco conference.

Council on Foreign Relations sion on Poland has been disappoint-(broadcast by CBS), he admitted ing, but in this perspective it has that the delay in forming a new not been long. Polish government under the Yalta agreement was disappointing. But he added:

"Nothing has happened to shake my belief that the Crimea agreement on Poland will be carried

"I ask you to remember that the agreement made at the Crimea con- be there." ference about Poland is only seven the government of Poland. The de- maintain the status quo.

In an address to the New York lay in carrying out the Crimea deci-

"It is important that this new government be established in time public utility system. to make it possible for Poland to be the city toward Linz and Munich, represented at San Francisco. The other Soviet forces were said to United States government is doing have carried out a wide swing in all in its power to bring this about. the direction of the Bavarian fron-Poland as a United Nation should tier.

Stettinius contended that the the front, Tolbukhin had crossed weeks old and that it was reached Dumbarton Oaks proposals envis- the Austrian frontier and pushed after two years of divergent views age a fluid world organization his flank to within 75 miles of the

Front-line reports via Moscow said Vienna had been closely invested from three sides, and units of Tolbukhin's army were battling for the suburb of Simmer-

#### Soviets Play New Tune in Vienna Woods

LONDON, April 6 (UP) .-The Moscow radio, noting that the Red Army is storming Vienna, broadcast a musical program today featuring "Tales from the Vienna Woods" and "The Blue Danube."

ing at the eastern edge of the city, control point of much of Vienna's

Cutting the main railroad from

On the extreme southern end of

**Negro Gls Hold** 

Negro troops at the big Fox Hills

Terminal base in Stapleton, Staten

Island yesterday, marked Army Day

by staging an impressive review in

which port companies competed for

About 150 white and Negro civil-

from other bases who were guests

of the Fox Hills cantonment. Sev-

eral thousand Negro troops at the

Fox Hills base are being trained for

military stevedoring work. The men

are trained in rotation and shipped

The ceremonies began with s

show staged at the Paramount

Theater in Stapleton, where Bill

is, world heavyweight champion now

cate marching tactics. Capt. Rich-

all over the world.

Review on S.



In a dramatic landing behind the Nazis, glider troops of the famed First Allied Airborne Army—comprising about 40,000 men—leave their damaged glider to prepare for enemy resistance near Wesel, Germany,

# Bare Plastiras Pro-Nazi Letter

ATHENS, April 6 (UP).—A government crisis threatened today in Athens as both Royalists and democratic elements demanded the resignation of the Government of Premier Gen. Nichols Plastiras.

publication by the Royalist news- Greek war in April, 1941. 1941, from Nice, France, where he graphs of the letter, as well as in-

Government of Premier Alexander lies by whose side Greece should Koryzis for not accepting a Ger- rank at all costs."

The demands followed yesterday's man offer of mediation of the Italoamong the principal Allies about which will not be committed to Italian border, Moscow dispatches paper Hellenicon Mellon of a letter Plastiras said today the letter was addressed by Plastiras on July, true, but added that other para-

> lived, to the Greek ambassador to terviews given by him at that time to the American press, would prove In the letter Plastiras blamed the his "faith in the cause of the Al-

#### Tito Captures Sarajevo

LONDON, April 6 (UP).-Marshal Tito's Yugoslav troops have captured the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo, where the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria in 1914 set off World War I.

In Croatia, Gospic was taken. Tito's communique identified Gospic s one of the most notorious hideouts for Ustashi (Croat fascist) elements In Sarajevo the Yugoslavs seized major quantities of arms and material and captured 126 Ustashi,

Tito's communique reported that enemy attacks from the Ostrozac area against Bihac were repulsed.

#### Sweden Resumes Ties With Czech Gov't.

STOCKHOLM, April 6 (UP).—Sweden today officially reestablished diplomatic relations with Czechoslovakia, recognized the former Czechoslovak minister to Stockholm Vladimir Kucera, and announced that a Swedish minister to Czechoslovakia would be appointed soon.

At the same time Sweden broke relations with the Nazi puppet government of Slovakia.

Chinese Kill 1,000 Japanese CHUNGKING, April 6 (UP).—Chinese troops in southwest Honan province have counter-attacked Japanese forces believed poised for a plauded lustily when a company of drive on Chungking or the American Superfort bases to the north, a Negro WACS went through intri- Chinese communique said today.

In a 24-hour battle in the Neisiang sector, 55 miles north of the former American airbase town of Laohokow, Chinese troops annihilated more than 1,000 Japanese troops and destroyed nine tanks on Wednesday and Thursday, the communique said.

# Stettinius Parries **Anti-Crimea Thrusts**

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Presiding at a press conference is now an old story to Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, and today's conference, fresh on the heels of the trophies on the parade field. Soviet Union's denouncing her®

Japanese neutrality pact, was a

searchers after rifts over Poland, or velopment, and then, nothing else voting arrangements, or anything looming as fruitful headline maelse which could be used as an ex- terial, was asked if that was agreed cuse for saying the San Francisco on at Yalta. He laughed, and reconference was on the rocks, would minded his audience that Yalta had have had a tough going.

Leon Pearson, tried a half-hearted nothing to the discussion. question about Poland, with a little It began to look like an awful

smile revealing that really magnifi- but Stettinius laughingly disclaimed cent set of choppers, said negotia- it as his word. hopeful. No one else took it up.

of the reporters who were so zeal- tunity to spend as many days as panies contest. Other troops staged news, was the Secretary's undeni- he said, that will not be the case. loading of supply ships on board tion with the 60 million job pro-

did he have to say?

If Mr. Stettinius had smiled before, he now grinned, a slow, wide sions. grin. He repeated the words, "not to be a deliberative conference." Well, in War and the Working Class, So-

Lippmann, Mr. Walter Lippmann, had not read it, he had been in New York Herald-Tribune column- Chicago, he said. Asked if the Big

the idea was that with the klieg lights, and the press there, nothing could be deliberated.

like at the conference in Philadel- denies Soviet contention that powphia in 1787 (where nothing was ers agreed to oppose change." done except draw up our Constitu- The story said Stettinius left the eliberate with a capital D.

He was asked about the Soviet ians watched the review, as well as action regarding Japan. This gov- a group of white and Negro officers Even the most avid pack of ernment, he said, welcomed the debeen rather exhaustively discussed The Hearst INS correspondent, and he had said he could add

speech about how with every day bust, but then a reporter thought Robinson, famous dancer, Joe Louwithout news from Moscow, "the of returning to the "deliberative" aspect of the conference. "You say in the armed forces, and other en-Mr Stettinius, with that beautiful it will be deliberative," he began, tertainers performed. Spectators ap-

If you mean the conference will rush things through all predigested, and T. Green and Capt. Peter M. Adding to the general depression without giving delegates an oppor- Depp were judges of the port comously bent on getting news, i. e., bad they want on some knotty problem, a demonstration of loading and un-

the previous evening in Chicago, not to allow any weakening of the linking up international collabora- Dumbarton Oaks agreement? he was asked. He replied that he clearly understood the Dumbarton Someone else tried a new tack. It Oaks proposals would be precisely had been said that this would "not those proposals which are laid on be deliberative conference." What the table for consideration by a meeting of all the United l'ations, which would make the final deci-

Then he was told that an article he didn't know what that meant. viet publication, said the Big Four Another reporter helped out. were definitely bound not to permit That, he stated, was said by Mr. weakening of those proposals. He Four considered they could make Another reporter suggested that amendments, he said that was right. That was all.

Oh, yes, Mr. Stettinius tossed off, deck of which declared: "Secretary

tion). Then he went on, soberly, to way open for the U. S. delegation say that he certainly assumed that possibly to sponsor officially "some the conference would deliberate, such amendments as those proposed by Senator Vandenberg."

# able hit scored with his speech of But weren't the Big Four bound the Fox Hills training "land ship." Fay, Bove Begin

Joseph S. Fay and James Bove, AFL racketeers convicted of conspiracy and extortion, began their tenancy yesterday at Rikers Island penitentiary where they will serve a sentence of one year. With good behavior, they can finish that in of a seven and a half to 15-year stretch in Sing Sing.

Bove will later be transferred temporarily to Westchester custody flantly tonight in its first comment. The Washington Star came out for trial on charges of misapprowith a story with a headline, the priating \$65,000 from the treasury of Yonkers Local 60 of the International Hod Carriers, Building & Common Laborers. He is secretarytreasurer of Local 60 and a former vice-president of the International. the pact breach. Fay is a vice-president of the AFL International Union of Operating not surprised, and asserting that anese were willing to pay almost any

# **Anxiety Marks Tokyo**

LONDON, April 6 (UP).—Adm. Kantaro Suzuki has formed a new Japanese cabinet including Gen. Hideki Tojo, who engineered the Pearl Harbor sneak attack, and five other former premiers, the German Transocean Agency reported tonight on the basis of a broadcast by the Japanese-controlled Singapore radio.

is ready to meet any developments in force until midnight April 24, eight months and continue service which may arise as the result of 1946, because one year's notice of the Soviet Union's denunciation of denunciation is necessary. the Soviet-Japanese neutrality pact, the Toyko Foreign Office said de-

The statement was made as 77year-old Adm. Kantaro Suzuki struggled for the second day to form a cabinet.

Anxiety was evident in both Japanese and German broadcasts on

it was prepared to face the conse- price to maintain the status quo.

LONDON, April 6 (UP).—Japan quences, said the pact must remain

[Japan, it was rumored in diplomatic circles in Moscow, attempted to make far-reaching concessions to the Soviet Union, including nullification of the 1905 Treaty of Portsmouth, in an effort to keep the Soviet Union from denouncing the

[These rumors could not be con-Japan, while insisting that it was firmed but it was reported the Jap-

# German 'Anti-Nazi' Cleric Reveals Nazi

At Sendenhorst in Germany, another of the alleged "outspoken critics" of the Hitler regime was discovered yesterday by the United Press, and he turned out to be bitterly anti-Allies and "loyal to the Fatherland."

He is Archbishop Count von Galen of Muenster, whose chief concern was the Hitlerite bogey about "communism." His chief bitterness was directed at Allied bombings of the city of Muenster, and not at the horrors which the Nazis had perpetrated on prisoners and oppressed peoples.

The interview, given grudgingly to UP man Jack Fleischer, was particularly instructive since the Catholicclerical political group around Hermann Bruening are being dressed up as the new anti-Nazi "hope" in Germany.

The Archbishop, who was supposed to have had tilts with Hitler in the past over confiscation of church buildings by the Gestapo, refused to discuss his "differences" with the Nazis. He devoted a considerable part of his interview, on the other hand, to an attack on the liberated slave laborers, calling them "Russians" as though that were some term of obloquy as per Nazi fashion.

wretched condition of these people, torn from their homes and half-fed and half-clad, but with the fact that the Americans "did not control them." In other words, he wanted harsh handling of these slave workers, "especially since the German police are now disarmed."

Kinship to the Nazis in sentiment was disclosed by the Archbishop when he went to the extent of whining that the slave laborers had plundered German homes. The base character of such an accusation astounds any decent person, when we think how these people were dragged across Europe by the Nazi bandits. They who were robbed of their freedom, whip-lashed from their homes and made to work as slaves are accused by the Archbishop of "plundering"!

But that is only a part of the story. With equal brazenness he assails the Americans for their military operations against Germany. It was against them, not against the savage Nazis, that he directed his bitterness when he said that our boys had wrecked "cultural monuments" by their bombing. Asked just when he moved to Sendenherst from Muenster, he said bitingly: Americans when they bombed me out."

The Archbishop made it clear to the UP correspondent that "though he and other educated Germans may be anti-Nazi," they nevertheless "must be loyal to the Fatherland" and therefore consider the Allies to be enemies. He gave grist to the Nazi underground terrorist mill by saying that the Allies and Germans could not be good neighbors for at least 65 years.

The Archbishop was full of the old Hitlerite talk about the "possibility of communism in Germany." His whole attitude as to whether Nazism could be eradicated was premised upon whether the western Allies would split with the Soviet Union. To quote his exact words, "It will depend on whether you (the western Allies) let the Russians into Germany and then we will have communism."

It is evident that the suggestion that the Catholicclerical group are "the hope" of the anti-Nazis is without foundation. It is equally obvious that under that designation many Nazi-minded men will seek to pawn themselves off on the Allies as "critics of Hitler."



Shown before leaving for the Dodgers' training site at Bear Mountain to request tryout for two Negro baseball players, are from left to right: Nat Low, sports editor of the Daily Worker; Dave (Showboat) Thomas, Cuban Stars first baseman; "Terry" McDuffie, pitcher for the Newark Eagles, and Joe Bostic, sports editor of the Negro weekly, People's Voice.

# 2 Negro Players Ask Tryout At Dodgers' Training Camp

Two baseball players of the Negro National League, pitcher Terry McDuffie of the Newark Eagles and first baseman Dave "Showboat" Thomas of the New York Cubans, came to the spring training camp of the Brooklyn Dodgers at Bear

Mountain yesterday and asked to be tried out. It marked leading Negro weekly, and myself, conference that he had "no comthe first such request in the dinner meeting with President the Negro players in the camp. history of the team and the first Branch Rickey while reports in the test of the newly passed Ives-Quinn camp said "sensational developments writers and spectators—was sent anti-discrimination bill.

to the Dodger camp by Joe Bostic, was as friendly as it was lengthy, the Negro National League. Mc-The two players were accompanied sports editor of the People's Voice, Mr. Rickey announced at a press

But the whole camp-players,

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# Labor Tells Legion Parley on Vets Postwar Jobs for All Essential

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Labor kept its eye on the goal of full employment for all workers after the war during the two day conference on veterans problems called by the American Legion, which ended to-

Both Clinton S. Golden, CIO representative, and Robert Watt of called. the AFL emphasized that veterans jobs would not be secure after the war unless there was full employment for all.

And Philip Murray, CIO presiobjective of 60,000,000 jobs in a letr to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, which veterans' jobs. was released at the conference to-

"No matter how far we go in the direction of special employment for them (veterans)" added Murray "we cannot provide so large a number with an island of security in the midst of economic

in the Selective Service system be directed toward the concept of planning for full employment and maximum production."

Labor, employers, farm groups and government organizations were represented at this unity meeting the first of its kind the Legion has

Walter Fuller, past president of the National Association of Manufacturers, hinted at the danger of telling how to avert it. And Gen. to the need for planning. dent, again stressed the people's Hershey disagreeably surprised many delegates by a wordy attack York AFL electrical worker and a on "government planning" for

> Hershey compared the job-huntpasture when the stable door is tive Service law.

"I was quite disturbed about Gen. Hershey's criticism of planning for veterans," remarked George Danfield, AFL painter from Chicage, who is secretary No. 1.

of the national conference of the 124 union labor posts in the Legion.

"My family went hungry after the last war, when I was employed, because the government, the labor movement, the employers and the veterans' organizations were not doing such planning."

James McLeish, president of United Electrical, Radio's District 4, reminded the General that the another 1932 depression, without horsey comparison was no answer

Golden, Watt, Henry Gaisz, New union labor Legion post leader, and other labor representatives took issue pointedly with Hershey's restric-

# **Browder Exposes** Vandenberg 'Justice'

DETROIT, April 6.—Sen. Arthur Vandenberg's proposed amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks charter are designed not to get "justice" for smaller nations but to develop "an active anti-Soviet policy," Earl

Browder, president of the Communist Political Association, told an overflow audience of the Michigan Frisco Can't overflow audience of the Michigan Senator's constituents here last night.

Ironically, Browder suggested that perhaps Vandenberg considers himself a delegate to San Francisco from Michigan instead of from the nation and that maybe Michigan's policies are "not in line with the rest of the USA"

"I doubt if the voters of Michigan would uphold him on this question," he added.

Introduced by Nat. Ganley, CPA national committee member and the Riverside Plaza here last night. business agent of Local 155 of the United Auto Workers, Browder citizens at the Graystone Ballroom. Large numbers were unable to get into the meeting.

Sen. Vandenberg is not interested opening April 25. in justice for the people of Poland, Browder maintained, but in the restoration of the Polish Government-in-Exile, the reestablishment of the rule of the great landlords, the enslavement of the peoples of White Russia.

On the eight amendments offered by Vandenberg, only one appears received from Vice-President Truto be "substantive," Browder said. man, Sen. Robert F. Wagner and The rest are just "vague oratory." House Speaker Sam Rayburn. would be forthcoming in 24 hours." abuzzing by the visit. The two Negro to strike at the heart of world or-The Senator's aim, he claimed, is ganization.

> Browder als assailed Vanden-Senate, where votes are very im- the "slimate of peace." portant indeed."

Browder gave "emphatic endorse-sented at San Francisco and paid dorsement "to the charter recently high tribute to Rep. Bloom for his promulgated by labor and industry "distinguished" work on the House for postwar prosperity. He warned Foreign Affairs Committee. that in labor, as in management, there are forces opposed to the charter.

"They are the men who tried with might and main and by every trick to lead the automobile workers to rescind the no-strike policy at the height of the war," he said.

"They are the men who create hostility on the side of management by threatening huge strike movements as soon as Hitler is defeated, . . who appear in the councils of the CIO to argue and 15 days from now." vote against the policies of Philip Murray and the great majority of the CIO leadership.

"They are the men who instigate gress. ing veteran to a horse, who doesn't tive interpretation of the veterans' the small strikes that have marred need a guide to lead him to the job protection section of the Selec- the otherwise glorious record of the UAW. . . who follow John L Hershey's interpretation, embod- Lewis and extol him as a 'great led in his memorandum of last year, leader' in the very same breath excludes certain veterans of this war that they admit that the miners from protection and gives no pro- have conditions among the most tection to veterans of World War sub-standard of all industries—the result of Lewis leadership."

# Fail, Stettinius Tells ALP Rally

The fact that the success of San Francisco is necessary to the future of all nations is itself the best insurance of the success, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius told an American Labor Party gathering at

The Secretary of State was the chief speaker at a testimonial meetspoke to several thousand Detroit ing to Rep. Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and U.S. delegate to the San Francisco world security conference

Others who paid tribute to Rep. Bloom on the eve of his departure for the conference were Reps. Vito Marcantonio and Joseph Clark Baldwin of New York; Benjamin Fielding, state executive secretary of Poland of western Ukraine and the ALP and Eugene P. Connolly, New York County executive secretary, who presided. Greetings were

Stettinius stressed the fact that a major task of the world organization "will be the establishment of those economic and social conditions berg's position on the issue of which make for peace." He main-United Nations assembly votes for tained that "economic rivalries, he Ukraine and White Russian poverty and oppression breed wars" Republics as "only a camouflage for and that economic security, rising the real fights for votes in the U.S. living standards and freedom are

He noted with "great satisfaction" On behalf of his organization, that Congress is to be fully repre-

"The executive and legislative branches of our government are thus brought into close cooperation in the great task of laying the foundation so ardently desired by all our people," he maintained.

"President Roosevelt said nearly 10 years ago that this generation of Americans had a rendezvous with destiny," Stettinius said. "Such a rendez-vous with destiny will begin on the other side of this continent

Both Fielding and Connolly expressed pride that the ALP had helped elect Rep. Bloom to Con-

#### **Valentine Nails** Irish on Gambling

Pelice Commissioner Valentine gives the lie to Carden basketball promoter Ned Irishsee story on Page 10.

# UE Expels 6, Suspends 8, Union Compels Movie For Navy Work Slowdown

Following a membership meeting of 3,000 at Manhattan Center Thursday night and a unanimous standing vote approving a trial committee's report, Local 1227 of the United

Electrical, Radio and Machine® Workers (CIO) yesterday expelled to \$100-a total of \$325. six members and suspended and In reporting to the membership fined eight others for slowing down meeting, the committee recomproduction of 40mm shells.

Matam Corp. of Long Island City, small token payment for the harm which is under a closed shop con- caused by these members." tract with the union. The expelled The trial committee's report furautomatically lose their jobs.

The issue developed last December, according to Sidney Gilbert, business agent, when the local of the UE with regard to no-strike, negotiated an incentive wage con- no stoppages and maintenance of tract covering the company's Navy full production for the war. work. Employes of the grinding department were dissatisfied with their strike threats and production company's norms upon which the stoppages, stab our brothers and incentive was based. At the same sisters in the armed forces in the time the union was informed that back. We can, therefore, conclude production in the grinding depart- that anyone engaging in a slowment was behind and was continu- down or stoppage of production,

called by the union. The workers our union membership and the were informed that efforts will be people of our great American namade to negotiate wage improve- tion." ments with the company, but mean- Harold Simon, president of the while production must be main-local, said after the membership tained. The union's pleas went acted: unheeded, however, and production kept dropping.

Convinced that there is a slowdown, the shop committee filed charges against 18 grinders. On Dec. 18, the grievance committee, upon hearing evidence, suspended 14 pending a trial, and cleared four. The trial committee, after hearing many witnesses, concluded that an an hour, working 48 hours weekly, organized slowdown was taking when they were taken off their jobs place. The committee dealt heavier last December. The union eventusentences to the ringleaders. Fines ally negotiated better rates. Profor the others, among three of duction climbed considerably since whom are women, range from \$25 December.

First Lady Lauds

'Oaks' Drive Here

mended that the fines be turned The 14 were employed by the over to the Navy relief fund "as a

ther stated:

"The trial committee continually bore in mind the record and pledges

"People like John L. Lewis, with willingly or unwillingly, is definitely A meeting of the department was acting against the best interests of

"This action on the part of our membership is a further demonstration of the fact that our members will not be drawn into any provocative attempts at slowdown or stoppages such as are being promoted by John L. Lewis."

The 14 expelled and suspended were earning an average of \$1.42

# Will Speak at 'Vets' Affair



BOB THOMPSON



REP. POWELL

Bob Thompson, Spanish Vet., holder of the Distinguished Service Cross and vice-president of the Communist Political Association, will share the speaker's platform with Rep. A. Clayton Powell and other distinguished speakers at the April 11 dinner of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. The dinner, to be held at the Hotel Commodore, will honor the 14th anniversary of the Republic of Spain.

Others who will speak include: Rep. John M. Coffee of Washington, Mrs. Vincent Sheean and Ralph Bates. Luther Adler and Muriel Rahn will entertain.

#### Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt told 1,000 citizens of the Lower East Side Thursday night that they were "making a pattern for the rest of the country to follow." All twelve settlement houses of this community came to-"If you do the job of making gether to form a Chizens on World Organization, which sponsored the

Mrs. Roosevelt urged her listeners to try to understand the other peoples of the world, who have suffered so much more than we in this

There are more people now than after the last war who are thinking about how we can maintain permanent peace, she said.

"We must translate the thinking into action, she emphasized. "I'm more afraid of some people's 'buts' than of getting into a world organization that is not so perfect to start with."

SIXTY MILLION JOBS

jobs in this country depend on tertained and young people from ing from Eastern Penitentiary there being jobs in the other coun- the settlements presented a color- Tuesday morning, offered no resisttries which will provide our market. ful pegeant on world organization. ance.

this country a good country to live in and come back to," the First Lady declared, "you are also going to serve future generations and the world as a whole. If we lay the foundations, the high school students of today will have a real chance in the future of a world where people work together, where you don't have to go to

Mrs. Roosevelt suggested that home-made knives, were captured each citizen keep in touch with his by state police today in a woods representative in Washington on these questions.

"I congratulate you and I hope you have the courage to stick to what you have begun," she added.

She explained that 60 million The Seward Park orchestra en-

#### 2 Escaped Convicts Caught in Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, April 6 (UP) .wo escaped convicts, armed with

near the Wawa railroad station in Delaware County.

The convicts, David Aiken and Victor Szymanski, two of six men who have been at large since escap-

# Probe Sterilization of Feeble-Minded

#### INQUIRY DEMANDED AFTER HOSPITAL OPERATES ON 14 GIRLS

Gallinger Municipal Hospital, which safeguards cover operations in the past two weeks were sent to the has sterized 14 girls since Jan-district, he stated. uary, 1943, today postponed an operation on a feeble-minded 18year-old girl "to await a legal opinperintendent of Gallinger, said, 12 others there because, Dr. James

been sterilizing girls brought a de- irresponsible" had been an accepted mand from District of Columbia practice at the hospital for more authorities for "an immediate in- than 10 years. quiry to find out the facts." District The girls who have been sterilized, Commissioner Guy Mason said he he said, were not capable of bring-us be sterilized." Inmates of the knew of no district law permitting ing normal children into the world school have been ruled mentally desterilization. An investigation will or of taking care of them.

"Sterilization of low-grade feeble-Disclosure that the hospital has minded adults" who are "sexually by some unscrupulous person."

WASHINGTON, April 6 (UP).- determine whether proper legal | Two women sterilized during the hospital from the District Training School, Laurel, Md., which had sent could easily be taken advantage of

> He said his institution "had received frank requests from relatives and parents that girls placed with ficient, Lewald said.

# To Abide by Curfew

bowed to the wishes of a union today and turned out the lights in his theater at midnight.

It was the first time the movie house had not defied the government-requested curfew since its start, but owner Jack O'Connell claimed a moral victory over the War Manpower Commission.

O'Connell closed his theater because the Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes and Motion Picture Machine Operators (AFL) did not want its members to work after midnight in violation of the curfew.

# The Great Egg Mystery--What's the Price Today?

What is the mystery of the rise in egg prices?

The Daily Worker received several calls yesterday from retailers reporting black market increases in egg prices.

According to the seasonal price® ministration, best white eggs should profit. sell until June for 44 cents a dozen at wholesale and 53 cents at the retail level.

But when retailers called on wholesalers yesterday for their sup-of any egg rise. Irving Schraeder, ply of eggs they were informed that a case of eggs which usually contains 30 dozen would cost from 30 to 60 cents more.

No reasons given.

ever. The scheme is to break the Now, why would wholesalers, hit as whole price ceiling structure on

The Butter and Egg Merchants Association went down to Washington a week or so ago to bang on OPA table for increased prices. It got nowhere.

ON-THE-SIDE

around their failure to smash price schedules by demanding on-theside-payments amounting to a one to two cent boost on each dozen

Retailers who pay 44 cents a dozen have an additional expense of from They are not going to let the en- OPA all.

schedule of the Office of Price Ad- crease cut into to their three cent

Who is going to make up the difference? You know.

All officials of the Butter and Egg Merchants Association office were out yesterday. No one knew president of Local 11254, Egg Inspectors Union, said he hadn't heard about it, either. However, he said, if a wholesaler packs each dozen eggs in a paper carton, he is The reasons are obvious, how- entitled to a two cent increase. everybody is by manpower shortages, want to start such a practice.

Black market increases are usually demanded without any additional services thrown in. That is what the retailers said.

One of the difficulties in tracking down wholesale violators OPA finds is the general reluctance of Now wholesalers are getting retailers to testify against wholesalers.

This ties the hands of the price agency which has limited investigators. Signed complaints usually get action.

Crying in an egg cup isn't going to change the situation. Unless five to six cents thereby making consumers and retailers don't want some three cents on the dozen. to be overboiled, they better tell

– News Capsules –

## **Professor Burns Pests**

to rid his lawn of crab grass blossomed into a fire bomb which now is devastating Japanese cities, the Army revealed yesterday. Col. Lester W. Hurd of the Boston Chemical Warfare Procurement District told the story. DR. LOUIS FIERSER of Belmont, Mass., was working on incendiary bombs when his lawn was plagued by crab grass. He found a substance that thickened gasoline until it jelled. Using an old tomato can, he spread it on his lawn and applied a match. The crab grass burned to a crisp. The scientist and six assistants then developed the formula for transferring ordinary gasoline into a viscous incendiary jelly. The new invention is now the M69 oil

A new THUNDERBOLT - the 1047—with a speed of more than 450 miles per hour, and a range of 2,000 miles, is now under production, Republic Aviation Corp. announced yesterday.

The new version of the fighterbomber carries 10 five-inch high velocity rockets, two 500-pound bombs and eight 50-caliber machine guns, Republic said, in an Army-approved announcement.

The parents of SEYMOUR SCHWARTZ, Brooklyn pre-medical student who was killed in Germany last February, received a letter yesterday from Lt. Gen. Patton, telling them how the youth died rescuing wounded comrades in a minefield. In the letter to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mor-

A Harvard professor's attempts | ris Schwartz, of 2130 62nd St., the general wrote: "In the Bible it says, 'Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for his friends'," the general wrote. "I believe you should take great pride in the fact that your heroic boy did exactly that."

> JOHN RINGLING NORTH, former president of Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows, Inc., testified in Hartford. Conn., Superior Court yesterday that infprisonment of six officials as a result of last July's disastrous fire would not keep the circus from continuing its road tour this year. "It could operate without them," he said at a hearing on motions to determine whether the six will be granted a new trial or their jail and prison terms suspended.

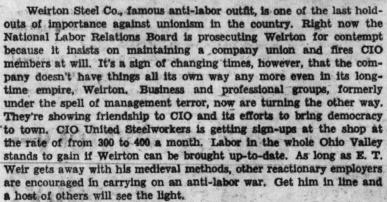
GEORGE H. BROWNE of Summit, N. J., was yesterday out of \$100,000 he never had, and he said he was happy about it. Browne, a caretaker, was to get the bulk of the estate of his former employer, Mrs. Fannie H. Gaffney, if her daughter was not found by the executors. Jacob R. Mantel. proctor of the estate, said the daughter, now Mrs. Jayta Humphreys Schlemmer, had been located in Florence, Italy. Under the will, Browne will now get a \$500 bequest.

There's an acute shortage of fats. Salvage them for your country. Turn them in for red points at your butcher's.

## Union Lookout -

- Weir's Last Stand
- CIO National Broadcasts

#### - by Dorothy Loeb



A referendum conducted among CIO steel workers elected three new district directors. Bert Danquer defeated Howard T. Curtiss, incumbent, for director of District 3 (Syracuse). D. W. Skelly defeated Eugene Maurice, incumbent, for director in District 12 (Johnstown, Pa.), and C. K. Shill wen out over Patrick Shovlin for director of District 10 (Berwick, Pa.). In District 10, Roy Constine, incumbent, didn't seek reelection. President Philip Murray and other international officers were reelected unopposed. . . . Lt. Robert Mosele, oldest son of Pete Mosele, CIO regional director in the New York area, was killed in action on Luzon, Feb. 7. Mosele is also USA director in New York.

The administrative committee of the London World Labor Conference meets in Washington next Tuesday to work on the draft constitution for the new world federation. . . . On the following Thursday, the CIO executive board will meet in Washington to discuss United Nations and CIO issues. The CIO Blue Network broadcast (6:45 p.m. today) will deal with Bretton Woods. A week from today (next Saturday), the program will feature a report on the Washington meeting of the administrative council of the World Trade Union Conference. Remember to tune in. . . . A new labor school, first of its kind in the northwest, has been opened at Gonzaga University, Spokane. . . . Educational representatives of Midwest CIO unions will hold a regional conference in Chicago, May 10 to 20.

A weird situation is reported from San Francisco, where the city recently took over the Market Street Railway from private owners. Because of that merger, there's a fight on between two locals of the AFL Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes and one of them is defying the international office. Local 518, which represents 1,099 city service carmen, refuses to merge with Local 1004, whose 1,250 members worked for Market St. Railway before the city took over. The international ordered the two locals to combine in a new division. Local 1004 agreed and its office is serving as headquarters for the division and its officers as temporary division officers. But Henry Foley, Local 518 president, says his outfit will go independent rather than comply. We reported months ago how Local \$18 went to court to try to deprive Local 1004 members of the seniority, seeking a ruling that would condemn them to start as beginners in pay if they wanted to stay on their old jobs.

# Mine Parleys Collapse, See Seizure Nearer

they will not attend a joint bargaining session scheduled for tomorrow. They voted first to suspend negotiations indefinitely but the United Mine Workers refused.

Neither side would acknowledge that negotiations had ended, but their fruitless attempts to reach agreement seemed unmistakable evidence that the War Labor Board must take over the job of writing a contract.

The board currently is trying to stop strikes which already have cut production 35 percent and threaten output of war-vital steel. It has warned UMW president John La Lewis that unless the work stoppages are terminated, the government will have no alternative but

CONFERENCE STALEMATE

Edward R. Burke, president of the southern operators, said his group will tell the WLB tomorrow that the conference "has reached a stalemate and is unable to reach agreement.'

Collapse of the negotiations may retard a back-to-work movement.

A UMW spokesman predicted full production by Monday, but a survey by the Solid Fuels Administration indicated that production today would suffer nearly as heavily as Before the mine could be taken

over by the government, the WLB ticularly hard hit. would have to certify the dispute to President Roosevelt.

The board took jurisdiction last weekend after the bargaining conference had failed to reach agreeof negotiation. It ordered the prinmorrow.

WASHINGTON, April 6 (UP).—Government seizure of some 200 strikebound soft coal mines was brought a step nearer tonight with the apparent collapse of negotiations for a new wage contract. The operators announced that

#### - An Editorial -

### Fay, Bove and Wm. Green

WILLIAM GREEN was once more challenged on racketeering within the AFL, It came to him from a New York courtroom Thursday as Joseph S. Fay and James Bove, two convicted crooks from the very top circle of the AFL's building trades department, were being sen-

It came first in the statement of district attorney Frank Hogan deploring that to this day not even a word of censure came from the AFL's leadership. Second, it came in the seven and one-half to 15 year sentences—the maximum that could be given under the law,

Hogan was right when he pointed out that these men are not representative of organized labor but men who have "double-crossed" and "disgraced" trade unions and their leaders.

A disgraceful feature was the disclosures that among letters to the judge asking leniency for the two racketeers were resolutions from some local unions of the organizations these men headed. Since there isn't a spark of democracy in those unions, the worthlessness of the resolutions is apparent. But they do show how these two are even now perparing to parade as "labor" martyrs.

The first challenge to Fay-Bove corruption came from the rank and file of their unions, just as rank and file movements opened the fight that eventually landed the George Browne, Willie Bioff, George Scalise and others of their ilk behind prison walls.

The rank and file of labor and every honest leader will be happy at the latest convictions. They should spur the pressure upon Green, Meany & Co. for a complete cleanup of Fay-Bove accomplices within the AFL. If labor doesn't do the job, anti-labor forces will make the most of the disgrace that the Fays and Boves are heaping upon labor.

Columbus, Ohio, indicated that some | be applied to 64 other coal producers 26,000 miners were idle in Pennsyl- in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, vania, Ohio and West Virginia. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. was par-

#### FOREMEN'S GRIEVANCES

WASHINGTON, April 6 (UP) .ment on a single issue in a month recommended a uniform wage pay- Frances Perkins, however, he is ment system and grievance macipals to continue meetings this week chinery for supervisory employes of and submit a progress report to- five western Pennsylvania coal companies.

Dispatches from Pittsburgh and The panel said its findings should

Kentucky and Alabama.

The employes are members of the United Mine Workers' supervisory union for whom UMW president John L. Lewis has demanded bargaining rights in his current negotiations with soft coal producers. A War Labor Board panel tonight Lewis has told Secretary of Labor willing to settle this demand.



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#### Coast Machinists Hit AFL World Labor Stand SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ACTION MAKES IT UNANIMOUS FOR IAM

Southern California State Confer- the Machinists in which the action trade union organization, and that ence of Machinists at Fresno passed of the AFL's leadership is likened you continue to urge a complete and a resolution sharply critical of the to the anti-United Nations policy of progressive program of political ac-AFL's leadership for not participat- the Chicago Tribune and the Hearst tion for our international. This in ing in the World Trade Union Con- press. The letter said: ference held recently at London.

sections of the International Asso- name of our good old IAM, the dely completes an expression of sen- Millman. n of 750,every state and district body having great organization, the largest in on questions of world program. acted similarly,)

Indicating Southern California sentiment, Lodge D addressed a let-

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LOS ANGELES, April 6. - The ter to President Harvey Brown of the AFL, in the broad new world

"We call upon you, our interna- tion." (Representing one of the largest tional president, to repudiate in the

the interest of labor and the na-

Those named in the letter are members of the AFL's internaciation of Machinists, the action of structive stand of Messrs. Green, tional affairs committee who rethe California conference practical- Woll, Meany, Watt, McSorley and cently issued a statement denouncinf the London conference and 000 the largest in the AFL, with pendent representation for our ican unionists to consult with others

told a conference on colonial problems at the 135 St. Public Libray Thursday that all plans for economic development of colonies depend upon adoption of the Bretton Woods proposals and worldwide postwar economic expansion.

The conference, attended by representatives from India, Burma, the West Indies, the Netherlands East and West Indies, West Africa and United States Negro organizations, was opened by Dr. W. E. B. Du-Bois, director of special research for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Francis M. Nkrumah outlined conditions on the West African Gold Coast, explaining how the arbitrary setting of prices on Gold Coast products by British merchants kept the people in poverty.

"As long as colonialism exists without industrial development of the colonies," Nkrumah asserted, "there can be no peace."

Saw Tun of Burma said that

after a period of transition an or

Kumar Goshal, Indian author, derly administation must be tablished in Burma.

The conference planned to conclude its business with the drafting of a statement to be submitted to the delegates at the San Francisco Conference.

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## The Soviet Union in Asia

THE Soviet Union's denunciation of its neutrality treaty with Japan needs no elaborate explanations, no subtle interpretations. Every American understands that Japan—our common enemy—has been hit by an earthquake. The Soviet move is in itself equivalent to the launching of powerful armies, to a fleet of B-29s. It shakes the Japanese military and political position, already undermined by Germany's disaster, by our own advance to the very centers of Japanese power.

So the second Japanese wartime cabinet has fallen. The Japanese rulers are skating on melting ice. They are now more hard-pressed than ever to maintain confidence of their people, who can now begin to glimpse the catastrophe to which their rulers are leading them. Our Soviet ally has helped shorten the Pacific war, has helped save American lives, has brought victory nearer.

But it is worth studying the Soviet action more closely, because it gives us a more profound understanding of the times in which we live. Molotov's note shows that the Soviet peoples always considered this war as a unity, as a whole. To them, the Japanese fascists were always allies of Germany; and by the reverse token, the Soviet peoples considered themselves allies of our own country, Great Britain and China, united in war, united in peace.

#### Japan Hit Hard

The question of how soon the USSR would make its full weight felt in Asia was never more than a tactical consideration, subject to the needs of the coalition as a whole. As it was, the Soviet position tied down the most rapacious Japanese land forces. By concentrating her main weight on Germany, the USSR assisted in the entire coalition; but in this very process, Japan was mortally weakened. Japan now faces political and military isolation. The bells toll for her. Let the bells be heard the world over.

And what will our "Pacific Firsters," our "carrot and club" specialists say now? They clamored against the Soviet-Japanese neutrality agreement. They saw all kinds of doleful things in it. Will they admit that what they really wanted was to palm the entire war off on the Soviet Union, a reflex of their own complicity in encouraging German and Japanese fascism to begin with? Will they now search again for ways of grinding their anti-Soviet axes, as Sen. Taft already does?

Let the American people judge these men for what they are worth—mean, embittered, unreconstructed enemies of Soviet Russia, never satisfied, always seeking their major objective: the disruption of our relations with our allies. No, the Soviet action is not part of some devious bargain made in Crimea, although it will clarify the atmosphere on the eve of San Francisco. It flows from the very logic of a single war of many fronts, the logic of common interest between ourselves and the Soviet peoples.

#### Idle Speculation

Our problems now will not be solved by idle speculations. And we agree with Byron Price, director of censorship, that speculation has no wise purpose. We can leave the form and timing of the next Soviet actions to the Soviet leaders, who have proven that they need no advice from us. The important thing is that the community of interest between ourselves and our allies in Asia is a fact. It will be registered in events and in the final settlement.

Yet we do have heavy obligations, quite apart from the Soviet role. Our commanders for naval and land operations have just been named. Big operations are in the offing. But the peoples of the Pacific are far from having been mobilized. China is not pulling her oar, because China remains disunited, and American policy has not yet faced up to the implications of that fact.

Speedy victory, at minimum cost, demands unity in China through a democratic coalition, as proposed by China's Communists and other democratic parties. Only such a China can help guarantee long-term peace in Asia and offer an avenue for progressive American enterprise. The final crystallization of such a policy is our main job to match the Soviet Union's latest contribution to victory.

And this in turn requires all-out energies at home, the fullest support to the President's policies which are bearing such fruit for ourselves and a new world a'coming. The reservationists, the hidden friends of the enemy and the open foes of our allies—let them be silenced by an aroused nation, marching unerringly forward.



Between the Lines

# A Tremor Through Asia

by Joseph Starobin

WHAT was it that so electrified the atmosphere on Thursday afternoon when the news came over of the Soviet Union's denunciation of its treaty with Japan? I was thinking about it all during that hectic day,

but the spell of it is still with me as I write these lines.

We are enthralled by what is most obvious. We have been staring at this fact for 25 years. It is written

large on every map of the world. We have been saying from the very outset of the war what we now mull over, and turn about in our minds. I am referring to the simple and yet tremendous fact that the Soviet Union is a power of world dimensions, that it stretches from the Baltic to the Pacific, that it animates one whole sixth of the earth, that no political problems can be settled in Europe and Asia without it. It is this stupendous simplicity which had us all hypnotized on Thursday afternoon. What imin our time!

Skill in Diplomacy

Another simple fact—which also staggers the imagination—is how ably the statesmen of the first socialist land have played their hand. Historians of a later generation will look back upon this period, and they will be amazed at the skill which the sons and peasants and workers showed in the harsh and dangerous jungle of world relations.

In November 1936, it was Japan and Germany that signed the anti-Comintern agreement, with the full encouragement of fascist-minded men throughout the world. And under the banners of that pact, it seemed that the forces of darkness and reaction would engulf empires, nations, bourgeois-democracy, socialism.

Yet Stalin and Molotov have so remarkably torn this fascist Axis apart. The first step was the two neutrality agreements: The one with Germany itself, in the summer of 1939 turned Hitler aside only momentarily, but it had the long range consequence of uprooting the Munich-men in the West.

The pact with Japan, in Apr

1941 had the effect of distending the Axis, preventing two-front warfare at the Soviet Union's expense, at the same time immobilizing Japan's most rapacious armies on the Manchurian frontier.

The second stage was the resistance to, and defeat of, German fascism in alliance with the United States and Great Britain which brought to life the antifascist sections of the bourgeoisie in the West and gave democracy powerful new rails on which to develop. And the very process of defeating Germany itself undermined Japan, in alliance with the United States which now had the opportunity to make its historic reckoning with Japanese imperialism.

Now we come to a new historic turning-point. There is no need to speculate on just what form the Soviet Union's participation will take; whether active or passive, whether tomorrow or a year from now. The decisive thing is that the potential Soviet energy in the Far East is in the process of being converted into kinetic energy. The decision in Asia must take the USSR into acgressive, anti-imperialist, antifascist elements of the war in Asia come to the surface and must become the dominant factors.

Two Roads

I think we must admit and understand clearly that the war in Asia thus far has been developing very differently from Europe. The peoples of Asia have not been involved anywheres nearly in the same way. India has thus far been sealed off by old-fashioned repression, though her actual economic development has been speeded. The great world of Indonesia was sealed off by the nature of Allied strategy. No basic decision has yet been reached on the unification of a nationally independent and progressive China. The crisis of two decades since the 1924-27 period remains in suspension, although the Communists have greatly fortified theirposition and leadship. The United States itself has thus far passed through politically insignificant islands, reaching the Philippines only this last winuter.

Many alternative developments are still possible. There is a powerful school of action which calculates upon the defeat of Japan by direct naval and air operations, primarily by the United States. The bulk of Asia, according to this calculation would remain in statu quo, with the most reactionary possible China, with colonial empires undisturbed except for the increased demand of the United States for a leading share in them.

The implications of this are a Japan—defeated, but not necessarily transformed by defeat. And this school, led outside our government by the Henry Luce type of mind, did not and does not want Soviet participation in the military action or the political settlement. This school is full of illusions and miscalculations, but it is there.

The other line of development involves the actual mobilization of a unified, nationally-progressive China. It implies a new deal for the colonial peoples and would not shy from a transformation of Japan itself.

The Soviet Union's action, the shifting of its weight in Asia does not in itself guarantee the second line of development; but it greatly favors it. As a matter of fact, the Soviet aciton prepares for either alternative. But the very fact that the socialist state has shifted the ground of its relation to Japan, and therefore to its own allies, must actually send a tremor throughout Asia.

It will be interesting to see London's reaction, Chungking's reaction, and the faces of the Henry Luce calculators who have been muttering in their beers that they don't want the USRR in the Far Eastern war. We shall see what we shall see,

## Worth Repeating

A GUARANTEED ANNUAL WAGE is championed by the Monroe News Star of Monroe, La., which says in an editorial of March 28: A guaranteed annual wage for industrial workers is one of the most valuable and desirable forms of social security. Without it, fear of periodic unemployment remains constantly with the worker. He finds it difficult, if not impossible, to budget his earnings, maintain a stable standard of living, or plan for the future.

# Today's Guest Column

A DMIRAL ERNEST J. KING, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet, has come out with a strong recommendation that the United States keep the Pacific island bases which our armed forces have won at so much cost. He says, "Faiture to maintain

these bases essential for our national defense raises the fundamental question: how long can the United States afford to continue a cycle of fighting and building and winning and giving awayonly to fight and build and win and give again?" He adds that we must not only retain ownership of these island bases, but that we



must adequately maintain them for possible fleet operations in the postwar period.

If this recommendation is carried out it will mean the unilateral annexation of an unspecified number of Pacific islands by the United States at the close of the war. It gives the appearance then of conflicting with those, including many in our State Department, who have been working on a plan for establishing an international trusteeship for the mandated territories, including particularly those formerly under Japanese mandate, a trusteeship which would be exercised by the world security organization to be set up at San Francisco.

HAVE no way of knowing what is in Admiral King's mind except from the statements

#### by Frederick V. Field

made by him and his colleagues published in the newspapers. It is evident that a considerable group of the most responsible Navy and Army officials at the present time advocate American sovereignty, arming and maintenance of these Pacific islands after the war. But before we make too much of the difference between this view and the international trusteeship idea we should look beneath the surface.

There is nothing whatsoever in the argument that because these islands have been conquered by American forces we have for that reason the right to annex them. If there were we might just as logically put in a claim for Normandy, the Ruhr and the Saar. Therefore, when the Admiral says, "These atols . . . will have been paid for by the sacrifice of American blood" and "they will have been scooped out of sand and rock, coral and volcanic ash, by a generation of Americans giving their service, ingenuity and money," he is calling to our attention thoughts close to the minds and hearts of all Americans, but he is not adding to the logic of his argument.

The essence of his plea for American retention of these islands lies in the fact that as a professional soldier charged with great military responsibility in war and in peace believes (a) that postwar security will depend upon the military strength of the big powers;

#### Postwar Role of Bases In the Pacific

(b) that the United States is technically able to police the Pacific, and (c) that under present circumstances the United States needs these islands in order to do the job.

I emphasize the phrase "under present circumstances" because m one vital respect I hope these circumstances will soon change and that with such a change the views now expressed by Admiral King and other military leaders will also change. We have not yet set up an international security organization. We do not yet have either a political or military machinery capable of performing the policing job in the Pacific, or elsewhere, which the Admiral knows must be done if there is to be security.

BUT as a result of the San Francisco conference I trust we shall soon have an effective international security organization and that it will, in accordance with the Dumbarton Oaks recommendations, provide for a method of international military action which will negate the necessity of the United States or of any other power taking unilateral action or acquiring bases for such a purpose.

The fundamental requirement of the postwar period will be security against aggression. If each power attempts to provide that security by itself we shall simply revert to the prewar situation, and security will be short-lived. It is the task of our political leaders, therefore, to work out an international organization through which our military chiefs can carry out their tasks."



Atlanta Journal On Ives-Quinn Law

Atlanta, Ga. Editor, Daily Worker:

When New York passed the Ives-Quinn anti - discrimination bill, that act had effect far beyond the Empire State. Down here the Atlanta Journal felt obliged to devote a whole column editorial on March 7 to the measure, under the title "Cure for Prejudice?" The editorial took the old line, It deplored conditions which brought the legislation about but it said "the cure for prejudice or intolerance is a long range program of education, in the home the schools and the church." Of course, this is the old dodge of those who wish to defeat anti-discrimination measures; but it is significant that this large Southern newspaper (which says it "covers Dixie like the dew) has to make such a defensive argumentation on the subject. The South is being shaken up

#### 'Cold Steel' Peace For Germany

J.F.F.

Lancaster, Pa. Editor, Daily Worker:

At the annual banquet of the Elks Club in Lancaster recently, Larry Allen, war correspondent and prisoner of war for 20 months, said he favors a "cold steel" peace for Germany. In that he included permanent occupation of Germany by the Allies, stripping the country of all the weapons of war; and "scattering youthful Nazis to the far spots of the world so they can never band together again." Allen charged that the Germans completely ignore the provisions of the Geneva convention in their brutal treatment of the Allied prisoners. JACK K.

#### On Behalf Of City Firemen

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The New York City firemen who are members of the AFL are taking a terrible kicking around from Patrick Walsh, their Fire Commissioner:

1-Firemen work seven days per week, twelve hours per day an 84 hour week, without a cent of overtime pay for this. This, despite the arduous and dangerous nature of their work.

2-The New York City firemen, after various deductions are taken out, are today earning less than they earned in 1929.

3-Although we are members of organized labor, the AFL, Commissioner Walsh has invoked a gag rule upon our union leaders and forbidden them to say a word publicly about our status. Our Vice-President, John Crane, was transferred to "Siberia" (Staten Island) because he spoke up about these inhuman conditions and asked for straight overtime pay, for the free overtime hours we are now putting in.

4—There is no need for the 84 hour week schedule that we are now working as there are still enough firemen around to give us a much better system of hours.

The long hours we are working are already taking their toll: since the first of the year, about 15 firemen have been killed in the line of duty.

A N.Y.C. FIREMAN.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

# liews On Labor News

WE ARE going to hear a great deal of talk from certain quarters that the Murray-Johnston-Green labor-management charter amounts to "giving up" of struggle. This view comes from the same false view that sees a similarity in this agreement and the "class collaboration" schemes of the twenties.

An example of such blindness, or sheer stupidity, is the view of Norman Thomas' Call, which sees the charter as a trend "toward a totalitarian state" with labor accepting a "junior partnership in the American imperialism." This is under a headline which says that

once sponsored.



"Murray, Green Sign Away Workers' Rights." Matthew Woll's position on the charter has not yet been made known. But his program, running so closely in line with the reactionary elements of the National Association of Manufacturers, suggests that he will have reservations that coincide with those of 'the NAM's heads. At any rate, even if he gives lip service to the charter, he will try to make of it if he can a repetition of the bankrupt schemes he

ACTUALLY, the program in the charter implies struggle—but a struggle on broader scope and higher plane than was ever before waged. The conditions which, in the words of

#### by George Morris

the charter, have opened a "new era" for economic expansion and prosperity, also developed a sharp differentiation in the ranks of the employers-between progressives who see the changed conditions and look forward, and reactionaries who have little confidence in the future and look back to the old course of imperialist exploitation, low wages, unemployment and new wars. It is this very differentiation that has opened the way to a cooperation between labor sections of the employers along constructive lines. It is that cooperation that has been the very backbone of our national unity through the war. Just as we must wage a struggle for national unity so we will have to fight for the charter program.

Have we had no struggle during the war? From the very days that the fight for reconversion began, it was a fight between labor, some business circles and general public support on the one hand, and the business-asusual profit-hungry hesitators to reconvert or take war work, on the other.

We had a little preview three years ago when Donald Nelson opened the campaign for labor-management committees. Some wise people in those days, too, sought to compare those committees to the schemes companies promoted in the non-union twenties. But we soon found out that a struggle had to be waged for those committees. On the one hand, we had labor and employers who were

#### 3. The 'Charter' Must Be Fought for to Be Real

at least willing to try the L-M committees; on the other were the reactionaries who shouted that they are "Soviet" schemes and an infringement upon management rights.

FROM a handful the number of plants with committees grew to over 5,000, covering the bulk of war workers. As was further learned, the struggle doesn't end with formation of the committees. The fight is then to make them genuine—to make them function on real, not only a few secondary matters.

As for strikes, the charter envisages a condition under which they would be reduced to a minimum. Harry Bridges, who saw such possibility a year ago, points out in his report to his union's convention (released several days before the charter was made public) that those employers who plan an "anti-union blitz" after the war "will be met and fought with all the weapons at our command, and if need be, with economic action, too."

By its cooperative relations with more enlightened leaders of business, however, labor will have far greater support to meet the Sewell Averys, Tom Girdlers and Ernest T. Weirs. The violators of the public interest. whether they be in business or labor ranks, will face the wrath of a united nation as in wartime. Labor has no fear of such condition because its interest on every score coincides with that of the nation as a whole.

(Next column: Labor-Management Committees and the Charter.)

#### **Gannett's Plan Means** Sales Tax for People

this millionaire's program would tend to wreck small business. Big business will be able to keep so much of its profits that "little business will be unable to compete and will be easily crushed and destroyed."

THE American Taxpayers Assn., one of the lobbying bodies supporting this amendment, in an appeal to us the other day let the cat out of the bag. Asking for a \$10 donation, it stated that Point 3 of its program is to "Urge adoption of a Federal sales tax ... since there is no place to which Congress can turn except to the field of general consumption taxes."

Gannett's organization boasts that some 17 states have passed the amendment so far with only 15 more states needed to call the convention. It fails to tell us, however, that at least two states, Arkansas and Wisconsin, have rescinded their previous support of the petition and that New York State has beaten it in two years running. It has been defeated also in a number of other states where legislators have awakened in time to oppose

Progressive Congressmen and others are beginning to take the Gannett gang more seriously. Although there is no danger of a sufficient number of legislatures passing the resolution this year it is something to keep in mind in all our tax discussions. For it reflects the essentially fascist flavor of our present-day reactionaries.

## Facts for Victory CONCRETE tax programs for the recon-

version and postwar period have been proposed by the CIO and by many business groups. Fruitful discussion on these various plans is proceeding.

But while these programs have been under

consideration, receiving much public attention, a sinister lobby has been at work attempting to dynamite the very foundation of our progressive income tax system.



The 16th or income tax Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was submitted to the states in 1909 at the suggestion of one of this country's most conservative Presidents, William Howard Taft, father of the present Senator from Ohio. It was finally adopted in 1913. Yet the neo-fascists of the Committee for Constitutional Government now have the brass to declare that the decline and fall of the American Republic began on the day in March, 1913, when "the people sanctioned federal taxation of incomes."

The CCG, headed by millionaire publisher Frank Gannett, owner of 21 newspapers, has been working with little publicity but with plenty of money. It has persuaded a number of State Legislatures to petition Congress to call a convention to repeal the 16th Amendment and pass another one which would prohibit all federal income taxes above 25 percent on individuals or corporations. It

#### by Labor Research Assn.

would limit gift and inheritance taxes to the same percentage and wipe out about twothirds of present taxes on higher incomes.

LAST year the House Committee to Investigate Campaign Expenditures tried to find the names of the contributors to Gannett's CCG. Edward A. Rumely, its secretary and a convicted German agent in World War I, refused to disclose these facts and is now under indictment for this refusal.

Meantime the tax-wrecking plan is pushed. If it should succeed it would mean, the U.S. Treasury estimates, a loss of about \$6 billion annually in federal revenues. It would probably make impossible any retirement of the national debt "even in years of high prosperity." Taxes would become less progressive, more regressive, that is they would be less and less related to ability to pay.

Such a limitation would mean that large corporations and rich individuals would be relieved of a great share of their taxes. The government, in its search for new sources of revenue, would have to resort to sales taxes, the most inequitable form of taxation. This would tend to shift the burden of paying for the war to the shoulders of those with small incomes, returning veterans and others least able to pay higher taxes.

And, as Rep. Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico pointed out in the House, March 13,

what was being slipped over on them.

# Nazis' Yugoslav Toll Is 1,500,000

LONDON, April 6 (UP).—More than 1,500,000 on war crimes.

the statement said.

reports by the State War Crimes Commission, describing atrocities, naming the German and Italian occupation authorities responsible and offering photographic evidence.

One portion of the report dealt with war crimes charged to Gen. Mario Roatta, former chief of the Italian General Staff, who escaped from Italian authorities recently while on trial in Rome.

The report charged that while military governor in Yugoslavia he was responsible for the shooting of 1,000 hostages in Ljubljana during his body was branded with hot a six-month period.

8,000 other persons were killed under his orders during the same pe-

Some of the specific atrocities cited by the report were:

"In the village of Zivogosic Aug. 27, 1942, a Dalmatian girl, Berta Orlac, was brought before an Italian colonel for questioning. In the course of the cross-examination she was beaten, stripped naked and portions of her flesh were torn off. Later she was shot,"

"In February, 1943, Mirko Kraloeuik was questioned 10 hours. His right leg was pierced by a red hot iron, his body was slashed by bayonets, his right arm was broken, they expired."

#### The statement summarized six French Gov't Bares Vast Fascist Plot

French security services have uncovered a vast anti-government plot, arresting 17 men who sought secretly to revive Jacques Doriot's traitorous Parti Populaire Français. A leader of the group confessed that it had received money from Pierre Laval's "government" in Sigmaringen and was in contact with German SS officers who had parachuted into France.

frons and he was hung up by the In addition, the report said, hair. Burning paraffin was poured over his sexual organs, his left foot was crushed out of shape and his moustache and beard were burned and plucked out."

German SS units from Trieste were charged with responsibility for other atrocities.

"On last June 17," the report said, "a German unit imprisoned seven 'teen-aged girls and threatened them with death if they did not yield to their captors. The girls were placed in a house and three partisans were strung up before the windows. Then police dogs were set loose upon the partisans to tear their flesh before

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PROF FREDERICK EWEN, of Brooklyn College, speaks on "The American Jew

PROF FREDERICK EWEN, of Brooklyn College, speaks on "The American Jew Faces the Future." Sunday, April 8th, 4:00 p.m. Admission 35c, Forum of Jewish People's Fraternal Order, IWO, 571 W. 182nd St., near St. Nicholas Ave.
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Philadelphia, Pa.

FEPC PARTY to celebrate the successful hearing on FEPC at Harrisburg recently. At Postal Hall, 3942 Brown St., Saturday, April 7th, 8:30 p.m. Refreshments, dancing and entertainment. A delegate will give the report of the hearing. Ausp.; 34th Ward Club.

# Yugoslavs are dead or missing after four years of war, the Yugoslav government announced in a statement Soviet Gov't Names Fascist "Huge numbers were slaughtered by the enemy in pursuance of a fascist policy of annihilation and terrorism," Killers of 577,000 in Latvia

By JOHN GIBBONS Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, April 6. - In Latvia the Germans murdered 250,000 civilians, 327,000 Red Army prisoners and took 175,000 persons to forced labor in Ger-

These are the findings of a Soviet government inquiry into German atrocities in Latvia, based on the testimony of survivors and carefully-documented evidence. Soviet newspapers today devote half their space to the blood-curdling report.

The Soviet papers publish a long list of responsible war criminals alongside the report. Included among the German officers and civil administrators are Generals Model, Sherner and Reichcommissar Lohse.

The German governor of Riga, a certain Wittrok, compelled all Jewish women married to non-Jews to undergo sterilization. The women's husbands were summoned to local Gestapo headquarters and told: "Either you agree to your wife being

Sterilization, however, was a comparatively humane form of German brutality. Over 2,000 Jews were burned alive in one of Riga's synagogues. Of 35,000 Jews herded into Riga's ghetto in October, 1941, 30,000 were shot in the Rumbulsk Woods, some 17 miles from the city.

One of the women survivors, L. Bolgitser, described the massacre in these words:

"Aged people and fathers and mothers with little children were assembled in the street. It was five o'clock Saturday afternoon when the procession set out for Rumbulsk. People weak from hunger fell in the streets and were immediately shot. Children were torn from their mothers' arms and their brains smashed. The shooting in the forest lasted from Saturday until Sunday evening."

Five mass shootings in the Dvinsk ghetto reduced the Jewish population of that city from 30,000 to

#### FOREIGN BRIEFS

## Tito, Subasich in Moscow

Yugoslavia arrived in Moscow. . . The FINNISH Cabinet is preparing Bulgarian troops are operating to resign to make way for a new to resign to make way for a new jointly with the Red Army. . . . government, Helsinki radio said. Dr. Michael SKUBL, former Aus-The SWEDISH Government has trian Secretary of State for Public Volunteer Corps to aid the Norwegian military effort, according to the Stockholm newspaper Expressen.

. . ITALIAN authorities claim large scale rioting in Regina Coeli WILLIAM BROWDER, club president, large scale rioting in Regina Coeli "Marxist Interpretation of the News of the jail is non-political. Armed persons outside the prison reportedly supported a break in which 15 prisoners escaped. . . . Travellers from Hungary contend that ex-Regent Admiral Nicholas HORTHY died in Germany. . . . French Minister of National Economy Pierre MENDES-FRANCE resigned. His portfolio will be taken over by Finance Minister Rene Pleven.

> Spanish pretender DON JUAN is said to be in London. (How come ex-Kings get around so easily while anti-fascist Spanish exiles who want to go to France are stuck in Mexico? . . Franco's Minister to COSTA RICA refused to let police enter a legation building to take over trunks secreted there by Germans. The newspaper, Diario de Costa Rica, suggests that such incidents will lead to a break of relations with Spain.

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Hungarian parties agreed to invite Count Michael KAROLYI, General Mohmet Shebu.

former president of the Hungarian Republic, to return to Hungary and participate in the Budapest National Committee, Karolyi, now in London, has headed the world Free Hungary movement. . . . The Premier Marshal TITO and For- The BULGARIAN Government HUNGARIAN Provisional Governeign Minister Ivan Subasich of has requested the Allied Control ment's radio offered land grants Commission to recognize Bulgaria to Hungarian soldiers led by the as a co-belligerent, inasmuch as quisling, Ferenc Szalasi, if they would come over with their arms to the Hungarian National Army. . . . Some 6,000 wounded Hungarians who fought against the Soapproved formation of a Swedish Security and Vienna police chief, viet Union have been returned to Hungary from Soviet prison camps. . . Hungarian women liberated apparently unmolested, for several by the Red Army from the Auschyears. . . . The DANISH Freedom witz (Oswiecim) concentration camp have arrived in Debrecen.

> Mario PALERMO, Italian Communist Undersecretary of War accepted decorations in behalf of Italians who fought with Albanian partisans from Albanian General

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# Philippine Patriot Killed by Japanese

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The National Committee of the

Communist Political Association regrets that the many hitherto unsubstantiated reports of the death of Crisanto Evangelista, great Filipino patriot, leader of workers and peasants and secretary of the Filipino Communist Party, have now been confirmed beyond possibility of doubt.

Our great friend and comrade, loved by his people and by the advanced labor movement of the

world, was murdered by the Japanese invaders of his country at some time during the year 1942. The heroic example of Crisanto

Evangelista throughout his lifetime reached its highest in the present great struggle of his country and ours and the peoples of Asia as well as Europe for the crushing of the Nazi and Japanese feudalist invaders. His clear mind and eloquent voice aided the people to understand that the present great war and the victory cannot but mean for Asia as for Europe the rise of national freedom.

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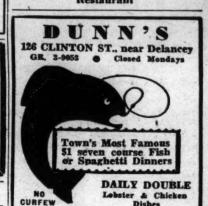
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# LOW DOWN

2 Negro Players **Ask Dodger Tryout** 

By Nat Low

(Continued from Page 3)

Duffie, who is 32 years old, won 18 and lost six last season and during the winter pitched in the crack Cuban League where he won eight and lost three. He was voted the second most valuable player in the league and had an earned run average of 2.30. Some of his opponents were major leaguers like Luis Olmo, outfielder of the Dodgers, and Tommy de la Cruz, star righthander of the Cincinnati Reds.

SENSATIONAL FIELDING

Thomas has been called the greatest fielding first baseman in all baseball. A 10-year vet, 33 years of age, Thomas stands six feet one inch and weighs 178 pounds. He batted .328 in the Negro League last year hit 12 homers and batted in 93 runs. But he is best known for his sensational fielding. He is tremendously fast, has a powerful pair of hands and can cover an amazing amount of ground.

With Howie Schultz, regular Dodger first baseman, about to go into the Army, Thomas would make the Dodgers a potent team and would probably help them win a first division berth.

Thomas and McDuffie arrived at the camp at noon where they met with Harold Parrott, traveling secretary of the club. It wasn't until 2 o'clock that they met Mr. Rickey and then the party went into the spacious dining room for dinner. The presence of the Negro players and writers at Mr. Rickey's table had the place in a dither of excitement with dozens of rumors going around. To all the rumors the guests at the table could only say "no comment."

Although there is no written ban on Negroes playing in the major leagues, the simple fact is that no Negro has ever played in either league. Three years ago the late Judge K. M. Landis, then high commissioner of baseball, issued a statement saying there "is not and never has been a law, written or otherwise, that bars Negro players. Any team is free to hire one or 25 Negro players."

A short while after that William E. Benswanger, president of the Pittsburgh Pirates, said he would try out three Negro players but the trials never materialized. In the winter meetings of the big leagues in January of 1944, a delegation of prominent Negro citizens led by Paul Robeson was told by the magnates that no ban was in existence.

But still nothing has happened. With the passage of the state FEPC, however, the ban on Negro players was dealt a severe body blow. The bill, which was signed by Gov. Dewey last month, goes into effect July 1 of this year.

# Cards Favored to Repeat

(Editors—This is the first in a series on the 1945 prospects of the National League baseball teams.)

By LEO H. PETERSEN, United Press Sports Editor

Holdouts and the draft are plaguing Manager Billy Southworth this spring, but when his St. Louis Cardinals go to the post April 17 they will be favored to win their fourth consecutive National League pen-e

more formidable every day and after a long holdout siege. Billy the Kid may lose some more barrier is sprung.

the situation is such that Al tion of 1944, and Al Jurisich also Schoendienst; who hit 372 as a are back for starting duty with shortstop with Rochester, is being Blix Donnelly, whose rescue work converted into an outfielder. There in the World Series last fall was is no place for him in the infield a big factor in the Cardinal victory, so long as Martin Marion is scheduled for relief chores. Lanier. around.

Schoendienst came up tagged as as he is around. one of the most promising rookies Two other members of last year's to graduate in years. He well may staff also are back, Al Byerly and be the key for the 1945 Redbird Bill Trotter, both of whom were pennant hopes for if he doesn't used sparingly. Stan Partenheimer, come through Billy the Kid may who won 16 games while losing be up against it for outfield seven with Louisville and Colum-

The infield figures again to be ising of the rookle hurlers.

the best in the majors with hard-They have been made 4 to 5 hitting Ray Sanders at first, Emil favorites, but those odds may Verban at second, Marion at short change for the Pittsburgh Pirates and George (Whitey) Kurowski at and Chicago Cubs are looming third. Marion reported this week

When and if Walker Cooper goes of his star performers before the into the service, catching will be a problem for Ken O'Dea, the No. 1 He already has lost a lot of understudy, has not reported. power from the club which coasted O'Dea would be vital to Cardinal to the pennant last year. Stan success with Cooper gone. Del Musial, the leading hitter, is in Rice, a rookie up from Rochester, the armed services along with out- is the only receiver on the roster. fielder Danny Litwhiler. Facing Pitching again will be a strong induction or already accepted for point with the Redbirds, even if service are catcher Walker Cooper, Lanier goes. Morton Cooper, the outfielder Johnny Hopp and Max fire-ball ace, is back to head the Lanier, the southpaw pitching ace. staff and recently was placed in Musial, Litwhiler and Hopp 4-F again. The staff will not be formed the regular outfield last brought up to strength until Harry season. Only Augie Bergamo from (The Cat) Brecheen, the leftthe 1944 fly-chasing corps is back hander, reports. Brecheen, like although Deb Garms, also an in- Hopp, is demanding more money. fielder, can play in the garden. But Ted Wilks, the freshman sensa-

of course, will be a starter as long

bus last season, is the most prom-

# Crosetti Signs

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., April 6-(UP)—The Boston Red Sox defeated the N. Y. Yankees 13-7 to even their exhibition series at 3-all today. The Red Sox collected 18 hits and pounded Bill Zuber for eight runs in the first two innings. Leon Culberson of the Sox and Snuffy Sternweiss of the Yanks hit insidethe-park home runs.

Yankee officials announced that Frank Crosetti, 34-year-old short stop had ended his long holdout by signing a contract calling for a \$16,000 salary. Crosetti will join the Yankees April 15.

Outfielder George (Tuck) Stainback, already classified 1-A, today was ordered to report for induction by his Chicago draft board on April 17.

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BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y., April 6 Walker, the Brooklyn Dodgers' two the record. At one point, when best batters, were in uniform today for the club's informal practice ated with this line of questioning, game with the Montreal farm club. he said of Irish's statements: Vic Lombardi, Otho Nitcholas and "Where did you think I got them Leroy Pfund hurled for the Dodgers, from, out of the air?" while Manager Leo Durocher played two innings at second base.

MUNCIE, Ind., April 6-(UP). Catcher Hank Camelli of the Pittsburgh Pirates left for Pittsburgh today where he will take another army physical examination April 13.

Camelli had been deferred prehis knee became badly swollen.

11 A.M. TO NOON

WMCA-News; Music Box
WQXR-News; Philharmonic Symphony Young Peoples Concert
1:05-WABC-Let's Pretend-Sketch
1:30-WEAF-Smilin' Ed McConnell
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WOR-Hookey Hall WJZ-Betty Moore-Talk WABC-Billie Burke Show

WMCA—Hello, Neighbor 11:45-WJZ—Shopping Talk—Lois Long

12:00-WEAF—News; Consumer Time WOR—Man on the Farm

WABC—Theater of Today

12:15-WEAF—Radie Harris—Broadway

12:10-Wahr - Asset |
12:30-WEAF - Atlantic Spotlight |
WOR - News; The Answer Man |
WJZ - News; Home and Garden |
WABC - Stars Over Hollywood |
WABC - WABC

1:15-WOR-Lopez Orchestra WMCA-Health Talk 1:25-WABC-News Reports

2:00-WEAF-Variety Musicale

WEAP—Variety Musicale
WOR—Jack Bundy's Album
WJZ—Ed. Pegeen Fitzgerald
WABC—Grand Central Station

WOR—Shady Valley Jamboree WJZ—The Fighting AAF WABC—Report to the Nation WMCA—Recorded Music

WEAP\_John MacVane News

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

WOR-Human Adventure-Play

WJZ-To Be Announced WABC-Of Men and Books

2:15-WABC—Adventures in Science WMCA—Christian Science Talk 2:30-WEAF—Sports—Grantland Rice WOR—Leo Egan, News WABC—Carolina Hayride WMCA—News; Music WQXR—Music of Our Time

2:45-WOR—Talk—Stanley Maxted WMCA—It's Navy Time 3:00-WEAF—Chicago Symphony WOR—This Is Halloran WABC—The Land Is Bright

3:30-WOR-Where Are They Now?

WMCA—News; Novens Service WQXR—News; Choir of Pius X School of Liturgical Music

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3:30-WOR—Where Are They Now?
WABC—Talk
WMCA—News; Waltz Music
WQXR—Request Music

3:45-WABC—Builders of Tomorrow

4:00-WEAF—Doctors Look Ahead
WOR—News; Jay Johnson, Songs
WABC—Report From Washington
WMCA—Ray Smith, Songs

4:15-WABC—Report From Overseas

4:30-WEAF—Puhrman Orchestra
WOR—Variety Musicale
WABC—Assignment Home
WMCA—News; Music

5:00-WEAF—Grand Hotel—Play
WOR—Uncle Don
WABC—Philadelphia Orchestra

5:15-WOR—Talk—Leo Egan

5:30-WEAF—John W. Vandercook, News
WOR—Dunham Orchestra

5:45-WEAF—Jack Owens, Baritone
WOR—Shirley Eder, Interview
WJZ—Jean Tighe, Songs

NOON TO 2 P.M.

WJZ-Herman and Banta, Music

11:00-WEAP—First Piano Quartet WOR—News; Talk; Music WJZ—Kay Armen, Songs WABC—Warren Eweeney, News

# Yanks Lose to Valentine Shatters Bosox, 13-7, Irish's Testimony

Police Commissioner Louis J. Valentine yesterday reaffirmed at the Kings County basketball inquiry, that Ned Irish told him-"by word of mouth"-that: "Professional gamblers are becoming particular-

boxing and basketball at Madison

Square Garden."

Thus did the New York police head nail Irish's testimony bebore Judge Leibowitz last week, wherein the basketball promoter claimed he never witnessed or described any Garden gambling activities to Valentine.

Quoting directly from a photostat copy of his November 1st meeting of hand." with Irish, Commissioner Valentine further declared that Mr. Irish said he'd observed large groups of suspects "congregate in the lobby aisles, around the arena, and occupy some of the boxes at the Garden."

Assistant D. A. Cohen, repeatedly had Valentine insist that Irish made the aforementioned statements. And again and again, the (UP).—Veterans Galan and Dixie police chief quoted Mr. Irish from Valentine became slightly exasper-

> Both Judge Leibowitz and the D. A. remarked several times that there was no further doubt about what Ned Irish did or didn't say to the Police Commissioner.

the promoter's testimony before the same court. At that meeting, Irish the guest artist. viously because of an injured right told the police commissioner he inknee. Following yesterday's workout, tended to contradict Valentine, and the auspices of the Unity Center particularly that paragraph in Val- and the Henry Hudson CPA Club.

ly bold in connection with hockey, entine's photostated report which quoted Irish as saying professional gamblers were becoming bolder at the Garden.

When Valentine then asked why Irish ever conferred with him on November 1st, if the statement was untrue, the Garden prexy said it was because he was "afraid of a scandal . . . he was afraid the professional gamblers would get out

So on the one hand, we have Irish denying he'd ever said gamblers were getting bolder at the Garden, and then on the other hand, saying he was afraid the gamblers would create a scandal.-

Valentine's testimony yesterday tore to shreds all the evasive, stuttered mumblings of Irish last week. And if mister Irish thought he was in hot water then, he can certainly view his state of affairs today with even greater trepidation.

#### Ben Davis to Speak At Warsaw Memorial

Councilman Benjamin Davis will be the guest speaker at a meeting memorializing the Warsaw ghetto, Sunday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m. at True Valentine revealed that he again Sisters Clubhouse, 150 W. 85 St. met with Irish last week, prior to Rabbi Felshin will give the invocation. Mary Lou Williams will be

The meeting is being held under

WMCA-570 Ke. WEAF-660 Ke. WOR-710 Ke. WJZ-770 Kc. WNYC-830 Kc

WEVD-1330 Kc. WNEW-1180 Kc. WLIB-1196 Kc. WHN—1050 Kc. WOV—1290 Kc. WBNY-1480 Kc.

#### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF-News; Friendship Ranch WOR News; Music
WJZ Bruno Shaw
WABC Quincy Howe, News
WMCA—News; Music

WMCA—News; Music

6:15-WJZ—Sports—Harry Wismer
WABC—People's Platform
WMCA—Dale Belmont, Songs

6:30-WOR—Fred Vandeventer, News
WJZ—Edward Tomlinson
WMCA—Recorded Music

6:45-WEAF—Religion in the News
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Labor—U.S.A.
WABC—The World Today—News
WMCA—Talk—Jack Shafer

7:00-WEAF—Our Foreign Policy
WCR—Guess Who?—Quiz
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
WABG—Play—Mayor of the Town,
with Lionel Barrymore
WMCA—News; Platterbrains

WMCA—News; Platterbrains 7:15-WJZ—Leland Stowe 7:30-WEAF—To Be Announced -Arthur Hale WJZ\_Meet Your Navy WABC\_America in the Air WMCA\_News Reports WQXR\_Concert Music

WQXR—Concert Music
7:45-WOR—The Answer ManWMCA—Songs of Israel
8:00-WEAF—Gaslight Gayeties
WOR—Frank Singiser, News
WJZ—Early American Music
WABC—Danny Kaye Show
8:15-WOR—Dr. A. L. Sachar
8:30-WEAF—Truth or Consequence
WJZ—Boston Symphony Orchestra
WABC—The FBI in Peace and War
8:55-WABC—Ned Calmer, News

#### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF-National Barn Dance WABC—Hit Parade
WMCA—News; Shoot the Works
WQXR—News Reports WQXR—News Reports
9:05-WQXR—Europe This Week
9:20-WQXR—Request Music
9:30-WEAF—Can You Top This?
WQR—Calling All Detectives
WJZ—Spotlight Band
WMCA—Recorded Music
9:45-WABC—Saturday Serenade
9:55-WJZ—Quick Quiz

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# 10:00-WEAF—Judy Canova Show WOR—Theater of the Air WJZ—Andy Russell Show

WOZA-News; Music
WQXR-News; Record Album
10:15-WABC-Al Pearce Show
10:30-WEAF-Grand Ole Opry
WJZ-The Job Ahead, Vice President Harry S. Truman WMCA—Frank Kingdon WQXR—The Music Box

10:45-WJZ—Dorsey Orchestra WABC—To Be Announced WMCA—Marine Corps Program 11:00-WEAF, WABC—News; Music

WQXR—News; Just Music 11:30-WEAF—I Sustain the Wings WABC—News; Music 12:00-WEAF, W.Z—News; Music WABC, WMCA—News; Music WQXR—News Reports

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# A Great Performance By Laurette Taylor

A smash hit has come to town! The Glass Menagerie which opened at the Playhouse is an interesting phenomenon because it represents the best and worst that Broadway of-

fers today. The three major forces

THE GLASS MENAGERIE. Eddie and Tennes lor who was a famed star at the turn of the century and well remembered for Peg-Of-My-Heart; Eddie Dowling, writer-producer-actor of many hits in the past two decades; and finally Tennessee Williams, hailed as one of the most promising of the season and is of itself enough young playwrights of the present reason for seeing The Glass Menday. It is both praise and con- agerie. Eddie Dowling plays both demnation of the play that Laurette the son and the curious and super-Taylor makes the greatest contribu- fluous narrator with his usual comtion to the hit, while newcomer petency. Anthony Ross as the Gen-Williams bears the responsibility for tleman Caller is earthy and conmaking the evening as frustrating vincing, while Julie Haydon is as the lives of the characters in his strictly a matter of taste. The en-

southern belle, now deserted by her has an imaginative original musical husband and impoverished, lives score. with her two children in an alley Mr. Williams, who has been in St. Louis. Laura, the daughter, watched, encouraged and nurtured dwells in the world of her glass with many grants and awards, animal collection and some old knows the phonograph records. The nagging, writing. He has good form, poetic other girl.

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have been given returning soldier members by the unions. But little has been said or written concerning the problem facing that considerable group of workers, who before joining up, studied nights developing talents in the arts. Many

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ture are returning after years away

and accelerate their development.

solo arts, getting an audience is

one of the heart-break hurdles. It

is toward solving this phase that a

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tire production is beautifully staged The story is simple—a former and directed with skillful pacing and

technique of playdominating mother's chief concern sweep and a mastery of the spoken in life is the lack of gentlemen line. He has the narrator say this callers for her crippled and back- is a sentimental play, a fantasy, a ward daughter. She persuades her memory—we have no quarrel with son Tom to invite a fellow worker that. The trouble lies in the fact at the warehouse home for dinner, that the sentiment is infantile, the The gentleman caller succeeds in fantasy confused and the memory breaking through Laura's shell for without perspective. It is Mr. Wila moment, only to realize he has liams' immaturity, his confusions gone far enough and promptly re- and his lack of perception of the tires because he is engaged to an-forces of life, which create such characters as this, that make the Miss Taylor is magnificent as the play negative and frustrating. If mother, handling her role with cre- Mr. Williams could catch up with Premiere of 'Zoya' ative and masterful artistry and en- the world and raise his content to dowing it with range and power the level of his form he might one far beyond the author's lines. It is day write a play worthy of the undisputably the finest performance artistry of Laurette Taylor. L. B.



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Norman Rosten, poet, has writen a eulogy of Captain Herman Bottcher and other fallen heroes of Spain, which will be presented by Luther Adler, at a dinner honoring the 14th anniversary of the Republic of Spain. The dinner is sponsored by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade on April 11 at the Hotel Commodore.

Other writers participating in the tribute to Spanish democracy, "crushed by fascism and soon to rise again," are Ralph Bates, novelist and editor of Henry Holt & Co.; Mrs. Vincent Sheean; Allen Chase, author of Falange; Michael Sayers and Albert Kahn, coauthors of Sabotage, and Ted Allen, who served as correspondent in Spain during the Franco up-

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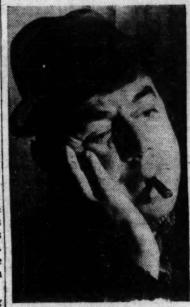
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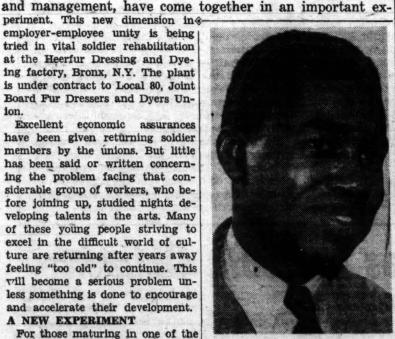
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JOHN FLEMING

teacher, F. Jetson-Ryder, it was decided to attempt an experiment: this student recital.

The shop committee discussed the idea with the employer. The employer was eager to help. He loaned the necessary funds to get the project under way. It was decided the patriotic musical: Of V We Sing. He was a member of the immediately that there would not be the customary "paper house." American Youth Theatre before he An audience was to be forged from joined the Armed Forces. Fleming the community. Tickets are priced was medically discharged, some modestly and are being sold. The attraction; a young singer of abil-Several of his shopmates heard ity, an experiment in future cul-

him sing at political rallies for tural expansion. Marcantonio, Ben Davis, Jr., A. Tickets are being sold at the St. Clayton Powell, Jr., and other pro- James Episcopal Church, Bronx, gressive candidates. They were where Fleming is a soloist, through-amazed with his voice. Finding that out the Fur Dyers Union, at the he had not returned to his studies National Maritime Union, and they urged him to do so. His de- among interested professional workvelopment was watched with in- ers doing rehabilitation work for terest. Through the advice of his the unions.

# Late Bulletins

# **Apartment Owner Fined \$1,000** For Violating OPA Regulations

an apartment house at 415 W. 118 probation for a year. St., Manhattan, was sentenced by for three weeks for failure to pay Federal Court Judge Samuel Man- on the first installment of his fine. delbaum yesterday to three months in jail and \$1,000 fine.

bation imposed after conviction in a to \$10. federal court for previous violations.

year following his jail sentence.

On Feb. 15, before Judge Mandelbaum and a jury, the owner of months. 28-unit apartment house, was found guilty of 29 charges including failure to register maximum rents and tence was suspended due to the de- administrator.

Lancelot M, Berkley, landlord of fendant's age. He was placed on

On March 17, Berkley was jailed

Yesterday, Assistant U. S. Attorney Charles F. Wagner charged The action was the first criminal that after Berkley's conviction he proscution for violating OPA rental filed false rentals for several apartregulations during a period of pro- ments boosting the levels from \$3

In revoking the probation, Judge In addition, the 73-year-old land- Mandelbaum said that only the adlord was placed on probation for one vanced age of the defendant restrained him from sentencing the guilty man one year instead of three

> He was ordered to pay the fine in ten installments.

"The vigorous action taken in this charging of overceiling rentals. He case is in line with the stringent was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to enforcemetn policy of OPA," said three months in jail. The jail sen- Daniel P. Woolley, regional price

# Daily Worker

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Red Army men fight their way into Danzig as flames crackle from the buildings. This Baltic port was taken by the Second White Russian Army.

# **William Green Urges Nationwide Backing for Labor-Capital Pact**

ident William Green of the AFL praising the act. took the issue of labor management, and business leaders," can make local scale little if any headway without the he declared.

"And that is why," centinued Green, "I wish to invite, workers and employers alike, in every city and town of our land, to study and analyze our new charter from their own point of view and give us the benefit of their counsel and judgment."

was one of the signatories, has re- groups as advisers.

ceived a flood of communications WASHINGTON, April 6. - Pres- from local chambers of commerce

Local unions likewise are getting postwar peace to the American peo- in touch both with their internaple over a nationwide hookup to- tional offices and wiring congratunight. The committee sponsoring lations to the U.S. Chamber and the new labor-management charter indicating that machinery is being agreed on recently among AFL, CIO set in motion to follow suit on a

Secretary of State Edward R. support of the American people," Stettinius today indicated that the State Department would have an announcement early next week on additional advisers to accompany the U. S. delegation to the San Francisco conference. Meanwhile it was learned elsewhere that President Philip Murray of the CIO, President William Green of the judgment."

AFL, President Eric Johnston of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, dio is expected to launch a nation- President Ira Mosher of the Nawide series of community labor- tional Association of Manufacturers, management charter conferences, in President James Patton of the Namany cases with farm groups join- tional Farmers Union and President ing in. Eric Johnston, head of the Al Goss of the National Grange U. S. Chamber of Commerce, who would represent labor and farm

#### CIO Backs Bill to Aid World Shipping Unity Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 6.-"The CIO stands firmly committed to world economic cooperation," said Philip Murray, CIO president, in a letter today to Rep. Schuyler Otis Bland (D-Va), chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, which is considering the ship sales bill.

The bill which the CIO is backing gives the U.S. Maritime Commission authority to write plans for international shipping cooperation into contracts when surplus shipping is sold after the war.

#### TWU Wins Parmelee Taxi Election

The CIO Transport Workers Union won a National Labor Relations Board election among Parmelee Co. taxi drivers yesterday. The vote was 1,102 for TWU Taxi Workers Local 150; 1,004 for no union. In an NLRB election held among Parmelee workers last summer, results were

#### Liberation of Norse, Danes Near-Eden

LONDON, April 6 (UP).-Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said tonight that the hour of liberation of Norway and Denmark was near. His message was broadcast to the two Scandinavian countries on the

fifth anniversary of the German attack.

#### Himmler's Paper Admits Defeat Near

LONDON, April 6 (UP) .- Das Schwartze Korps, organ of Heinrich Himmler's SS Elite storm troops, confessed today that Germany was tonight but the Japanese, showing Heaviest fighting centered about Japanese hill defenses with bombs "perhaps only a few days or weeks" from complete collapse.

# The Veteran Commander

THE WESER HAS BEEN CROSSED

SIGNIFICANT administrative development has taken place on the Western Front: Gen. Simpson's Ninth Army has returned to the command of Gen. Bradley, who is thus in over-all command of the central bulge advancing on Berlin on a 150-mile front between Minden on the Weser and Meiningen on the Werra. At the same time the direction of the entire operation for the reduction of the Ruhr pocket automatically reverts to Bradley because the pocket is being ground down by the Ninth and First armies. It is reported that Bradley has already crossed the Weser and is moving on Hannover, which lies on the Mittelland Kanal linking the Weser

On Bradley's right, Patton is pushing the right arm of a pincers which seems to be aimed at Magdeburg. The northern arm is formed by the Ninth Army. The northern arm aims at Hannover-Braunschweig-Magdeburg, while the southern arm aim at Weimar-Halle-Magdeburg. Thus the pincers are attempting to "embrace" the Hartz Mountains, with storied Mt. Brocken of "Faust" fame in the center, and create a bulge which will crash the last natural barrier before Berlin (the Elbe).

It is clear now that the Bradley-Zhukov team is the one destined to crush the Berlin fortified area. In this connection it is worth noting that the very shape of the Elbe between the two Wittenbergs (one 75 miles northwest of Berlin and the other 55 miles southwest of it) creates natural conditions for a pincer operation against the Berlin fortified area, while east of the capital the Oder only partly creates similar conditions (this means that Zhukov's left must establish a deep bridgehead across the Neisse before pincers are formed).

North of the Arnhem-Minden line Field Marshal Montgomery is carrying out an operation which is very similar to the R.

sky operation of last month: he is clearing the sea flank of the Western Front. Here, too, as in East Prussia, the Germans will probably try to form an enclave where they will hold out, Tobrukfashion in the Rotterdam-Utrecht-Amsterdam triangle and around Groningen-Emden. Meanwhile, Montgomery is advancing on Bremen and has reached Diepholz, only 40 miles from the

Gen. Patch at the other ends of the front is meeting stiff resistance on the way to Nurnberg. This was to be expected; as we pointed out re-

IN THE east the pincers around Vienna are tightening. The superhighway running from Vienna to Linz and Munich has been cut by Marshal Tolbukhin, who is reported also to be within four and one-half miles of the famous St. Stephen's Church in the center of Vienna.

The appointment of Gen. Yeremenko to the command of the Fourth Ukrainian Army Group (replacing Gen. Petrov) means that the drive into the Moravian Gap will be intensified.

CENSORSHIP prohibits any speculation on the military implications of the Soviet action in denouncing the neutrality treaty with Japan. In view of the fact that nothing but inanities can be said or written on the subject without establishing first the probabilities of one or the other side taking the initiative in a possible conflict, we are compelled to say nothing. Furthermore, we believe that censorship is absolutely right in discouraging such speculations.

A new development in the war against Japan is the new Chinese counter-offensive announced by Chungking. The blow is being delivered somewhere south of the elbow of the Yellow River, probably in the general direction of the Laohokow which we lost a few days ap

# er Clashes in South Okinawa

"Long-Tom" 155-mm, artillery and section of the island. wa Island with increasing intensity tors of southern Okinawa.

the capital city of Naha on Okina- and that Army forces virtually were less ruins from air and naval bomb-

fight at last, had all but stalled a triangular cluster of three hills and rockets.

GUAM, April 6 (UP).-American American troops in the southern some four miles north of Naha. The Americans were headed south along Front dispatches said the Japa- a narrow isthmus toward the hills the guns of warships pounded nese launched their biggest attack and the capital city which lies in Japanese hill defenses protecting since the landings Friday afternoon smoking and reportedly almost life-

Warplanes joined the assault on

